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Fort Monroe Community Center opens Dec. 5

Nov. 25, 2013 - The Fort Monroe Community Center, a 26,857-square foot facility with a 25-meter swimming pool, basketball courts and large multipurpose room, officially opens for business Dec. 5.

Membership at the center, 100 Stilwell Road, is \$15 a year for youth and teens and \$20 a year for adults and seniors. Membership is open to the community and members can take part in open recreation activities, which includes use of the game room and gym. Some events at the center, which is run by Hampton's Parks and Recreation Department, will also be free with membership. Daily passes for the pool are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for seniors and \$1 for youths and teens.

The pool, gym and multipurpose room can be rented for parties, class reunions, showers and other gatherings. Pool rental is \$50 an hour for up to 50 swimmers and \$100 an hour for more than 50 swimmers. Gym rental is \$100 an hour and the multi-purpose room can be rented for \$50-100 per hour.

In addition to the gym, swimming pool, and multipurpose room, the center includes:

- Locker rooms with shower areas and lockers for men and women
- A full-service ceramics studio that will have fees for selected pieces and tools
- A computer room that's available for public use
- A library featuring popular adult and children selections
- Eliptigo outdoor bikes that can be rented

Current classes include karate, Zumba, ceramics, cake decorating and fresh-cut flower arranging.

The center will be open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. It will be closed on Sundays. Pool hours are 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12 p.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The U.S. Army deactivated Fort Monroe two years ago, and President Obama created a national park service monument on the 565-acre property a few months later. Today, Fort Monroe is a mix of private and public buildings and property.

For more information about classes and services at the community center, call 727-6831 or 727-6833.

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